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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Follis Case

1. Late on Friday afternoon Tom Lambert of the N.Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE phoned me at the office to ask, among other things, for any information we might have on the Follis case. I had seen references in the press to the fact that Richard K. Follis, one of the world's leading authorities on nutritional pathology, had disappeared in Amsterdam. When a representative of a London newspaper had phoned [REDACTED] earlier about this case he had been advised by [REDACTED] to refer the question to the State Department. Lacking any other guidance myself I had told Mr. Lambert I had nothing on the case but would advise him if anything came up later which I would be authorized to tell him; meanwhile I suggested that he contact State.

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2. Mr. Lambert phoned me at home on Friday evening and I reiterated that I had heard nothing further and suggested again that he contact State.

3. On Sunday morning I read at home on the front page of the WASHINGTON POST a story by Barnard Collier of the HERALD-TRIBUNE about the Follis case. Collier noted that "in Europe, the press is headlining the doctor's disappearance and hinting broadly that somehow the CIA is involved." Collier also quoted a State security official as stating that "almost nothing about it jibes."

4. Shortly before 1900 on Sunday evening I received a phone call at home from Sue Clark of the WASHINGTON POST asking if I could give her any further details about the Follis case. I told her I could not. As soon as I hung up I received another call from Night Security advising me that they had referred the POST call to me and informing me that they, too, had no other guidance on the Follis case. I asked them to let me know immediately if they received further guidance in case I got any subsequent calls.

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